

LABOR and PUBLIC EMPLOYEES PUBLIC HEARING MARCH 15, 2022

Senator Kushner, Representative Porter, Senator Sampson Representative Arora and distinguished members of this committee my name is Cameron Champlin and I represent Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union 777. Our Local consists of approximately 3500 Journeypersons and Apprentices throughout the entire state of Connecticut. This testimony is in strong support of SB-423 and HB-5444.

SB-423 simply will ensure that the students in this state and the employees in our school systems will not have to endure toxic or germ laden air because of insufficient ventilation. It will also ensure that the same employees and students will have proper heat in the cold months and cooling in the warm ones.

With the parameters that are included in this bill it will also ensure the proper maintenance of the systems is done in accordance with timely scheduling. It will behoove those responsible for the maintenance of the systems to employ properly educated and licensed personnel to perform these tasks. This will save the taxpayers money as well as improving the learning and working environment in our education facilities.

We believe that this is owed to the employees and students that are engaged in their everyday tasks within our facilities. We ask that you vote to move this bill forward and to vote in the affirmative when it is called in either the House and Senate Chamber.

We also support HB-5444 which will help employees that wish to become union members to not be intimidated by an employer or be blacklisted because of their attempts to join or form a union. We also ask that you vote to move this bill forward and to vote in the affirmative when it is called in both the House and Senate.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today on these very important issues. If you want to contact me I may be reached at the email address above or my cell (860) 287-0020.

Respectfully Submitted

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